# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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NEW RESEARCH ON AIDS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the research being conducted for elimination of AIDS virus in the world and India`s contribution in the research;

(b) whether any progress has been achieved to weaken this virus by which it is likely to be eliminated;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether a new blood test for detection of drug resistant virus in AIDS has been developed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): AIDS virus cannot be eliminated. However, research is being carried out in several countries, including India, to develop a safe and effective vaccine so that vaccinated individuals become less susceptible to the virus. Two phase-I human vaccine trials are underway at National AIDS Research Institute, Pune; and Tuberculosis Research Centre, Chennai.

(d)&(e): A laboratory test which can detect low levels of drug resistant HIV in a patient`s blood has been developed in the United States. The test could assist in deciding best treatment options and predicting treatment outcomes. However, it is unlikely the new test will be widely available soon.